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# Hanks Family

Maryland

Peter & Mary Hanks

Excerpts from newspapers and other  
sources

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ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

November 28, 1928.

Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

Since last writing to you, I have found some records which to me indicate that William Hanks of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, was the son of William Hanks and his wife, Ruth, of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and that the grandfather of the Bedford County William was Peter Hanks.

I am enclosing a number of exhibits which I am sending to you for your information. While these records may not help you in connection with the Lincoln Hanks, I feel that any information which will straighten up any branch of the Hanks Family will at least be a step in the right direction, if only by elimination.

I have not had the time to pursue my searches any further than indicated in the enclosed data. With the exception, however, that I find a number of Shipleys living in the same vicinity in Anne Arundel County. There were as many as sixty-four patents issued to various Shipleys. I will try to straighten the Shipleys out, and see if there was any inter-marriage between the Shipley Family and the Hanks Family.

Peter Hanks and his wife and three children, Peter, William and Eliner, were in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, as early as 1729 (see Exhibits 1 and 2).

Peter Hanks' daughter married Robert Nelson (see Exhibits 1 and 4).

Peter Hanks, the younger, died shortly after his father and apparently left no children, as he died intestate and his property thus became vested in his brother, William. *(See Exhibit No 4)*

William Hanks was a planter and acquired considerable property in the Great Fork of the Potuxent River. Please note that the Potuxent River is mentioned in the various deeds and not the Patapsco. William Hanks apparently married and his wife's name was Ruth as shown in Exhibit No. 5. William Hanks sold practically all of his property in 1761. The exception seems to be a tract of 100 acres called "Beyond Far Enough," which Exhibit 4 shows was patented to his brother-in-law, Robert Nelson. For some reason, this particular property was not sold in 1761. It seems that it was owned jointly by William Hanks and Samuel Musgrove. Whether there was no buyer or there were other reasons why the sale could not be consummated at that time, *do not know*, it was sold, however, five years later,



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Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director, -- 2.

for in 1766 William Hanks, of "Lowden" County, Virginia, and Samuel Musgrove sold this particular tract. I have been unable to find any record of William Hanks' (the elder) will, and I have been unable to find that William Hanks purchased any property in Loudoun County, Virginia. Loudoun County was taken from Fairfax County in 1757. I have had the records at Richmond searched for state grants and I have had the records at the county seat, Leesburg, searched too. From information secured from you and from Dr. Gonzales Lodge, it appears that the Bedford County William came from Loudoun County where he had moved from Anne Arundel County, Virginia. The William Hanks mentioned in the wills and deeds attached cannot be the Bedford County William, because he had a survey warrant issued in 1729, at which date he must have been at least twenty years old. This would have placed the date of his birth at or before 1709. The Bedford County William died 1814, which would have made his age one hundred five years or over, if the two Williams were one and the same. In addition to this, his first child was born in 1762, at which date he would have been fifty-three, and his last child was born in 1781, at which date he would have been seventy-two, providing again that the two Williams were one and the same. The evidence seems to be conclusive that there were two distinct Williams, and my assumption is that the Bedford County William was the son of the William, whose transactions are given in the enclosed data.

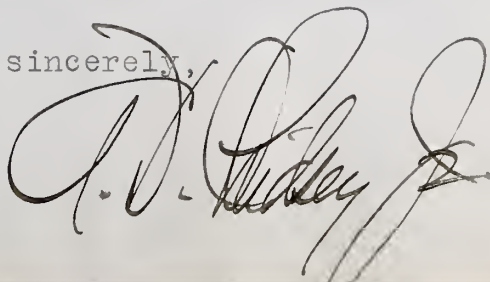
If you can give me any information on the following, I would greatly appreciate it:

Have you in your records any data which would definitely connect the two Williams?

Have you records of any Peter Hanks in the Hanks Family? I have quite a little data in published works in regard to the New England Hanks, the Pennsylvania Hanks and the Virginia Hanks, but have not run across the name of Peter at any place. I do not know where this Peter Hanks came from. He must have been in Anne Arundel County possibly some little time before 1729, for in the ~~words~~ of Reverend William E. Barton as he applied them to Thomas Hanks, of Virginia, I might say that Peter Hanks "had been on his plantation long enough to have one of its boundaries known as Hanks Branch" (see Exhibit 4).

If you can give me any information in regard to the Shipleys other than what appeared in Mrs. Hitchcock's publication, it might help in the search of this family's record.

Very sincerely,



ADC/NB

Enclosures

EXHIBIT NO. 1

Last Will and Testament of Peter Hanks, of Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

Will dated April 3rd, 1733.

Probated July 24th, 1733.

Recorded at Annapolis, Md., Liber No. 20, Folio 807, etc.

Mentions

Son, William,

Son, Peter,

Daughter, Elinor, married to Robert Nelson.

Mentions Wife, but not by name.

Gives to son, Peter, "that parcell of Land called bey and Far Enough."

Signed by Peter Hanks

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EXHIBIT NO. 2

William Hanks, Patent for 100 acres called "Far Enough" in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, "in the Great Fork of Potuxant River, on Howard Branch leading into the North Branch of Snowdens River."

Warrant granted October 11, 1729.

Patent granted June 13, 1734.

Recorded Annapolis, Md., in Liber E. I., No. 2, Folio 94.

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EXHIBIT NO. 3

In addition to above William Hanks secured Patents for the following, all recorded at Annapolis, Md.:

1746 -- "Poormans Beginning" - 100 acres -- Anne Arundel County  
(now Howard County) - Liber T. I. No. 3, Folio 313.

1757 -- "Chestnut Ridge" - 40 acres - Anne Arundel County (now  
Howard County) - Liber B. C. & G. S. No. 7, Folio 365.

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EXHIBIT NO. 4

Robert Nelson, Patent for 100 acres called "Beyond Farr Enough" in Anne Arundel County, Md. (Robert Nelson was brother-in-law of William Hanks, see Exhibit No. 1.)

From Patent:

"Know Ye that whereas Robert Nelson of Anne Arundel County in our said Province of Maryland by his humble petition to our Agent for Management of Land Affairs within this Province has set forth that a certain Peter Hanks of said County had surveyed and laid out for him a certain tract or parcel of land called Beyond Farr Enough lying in the said County in the Great Fork of Putuxent River containing one hundred acres by virtue of an assignment for that quantity from William Chapman being part of a warrant for eight hundred acres granted the said Chapman by renewment the twelfth day of November Seventeen hundred and twenty nine as appears in our Land Office but before he sued out our Grant thereon he dyed and before his death made his last Will and Testament and therein devised the said land to his son Peter Hanks who soon afterwards died intestate by which means the said land by heirship became the right of William Hanks the other brother who has by his assignment bearing date the sixteenth day of May Seventeen hundred and thirty four assigned sold transferred and make over all his right title and interest of in and to the said land and the certificate of survey thereof unto the petitioner who therefore humbly prayed that our Grant thereon might issue in his own name which we have thought fit to condescend unto -----"

"beginning etc. ----- white oaks standing in the fork of a branch now called Hanks Branch -----"

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EXHIBIT NO. 5

William Hanks & Ruth his wife	)	Deed dated 21st Aug. 1761.
	)	Consideration 220 Pounds Sterling
to	)	Liber B. B. No. 2 folio 510
	)	Calls for the following property
Joseph Howard, son of Cornelius)	"White Oak Orchard"	116 acres
	"Poormans Beginning"	100 acres
	"Chestnut Ridge"	40 acres
	"Howards Chance"	65 acres

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EXHIBIT NO. 6

William Hanks of Lowden County, Va.)	Deed dated 3rd Nov. 1766
& Samuel Musgrove	) Consideration 10 Pounds Sterling
	) Liber B. B. No. 3 folio 637
to	) Calls for the following property
	) "Beyond Far Enough" 100 acres
Philemon Dorsey	)

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EXHIBIT NO. 7

Information secured from Rev. L. A. Warren; Old Family Bible in possession of Jason Hanks, a grandson of William Hanks, from which the following excerpt was taken:

William Hanks, born April 27, 1739, died July 24, 1814.  
Sarah -----, his wife, born 1734, died May 25, 1804.

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EXHIBIT NO. 8

Rev. L. A. Warren advises that William Hanks lived near the Patapsco River, about fourteen miles from Baltimore, Md. Sometime after 1761, he moved to Loudoun County, Virginia, and then to Bedford County, Pennsylvania, to which location two of his daughters had preceded him.

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EXHIBIT NO. 9

Dr. Gonzales Lodge, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City, and a descendant of William Hanks through his daughter, Rosanna, advises that among his father's papers he found some records which show that Rosanna Hanks was the daughter of William Hanks, and that she was married in Loudoun County, Virginia, and moved to Bedford County, Pennsylvania, where her father, William Hanks, later followed her.

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PETER AND MARY HANKS DESCENDENTS

compiled by

Louis A. Warren

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a.	Peter b.		m. 8-20-1704	Mary Beez	d.(will 4-3-1733/7-24-1733)
aa.	Lydia b.	9-25-1704			
ab.	William b.	7-25-1707	m.	Ruth(Shipley?)	
ac.	Elinor b.	7-10-1709	m.	Robert Nelson	
ad.	Peter b.	-1711			d. unmarried about 1733

**A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.**

ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER

EASTON, PA.

June 27, 1929.

Rev. Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

Your letter of June the 7th has been received, and I am very sorry that you are unable to find the obituary notice or memoir of Rachel Hanks, which I understood was in the Hitchcock collection. Should you come across this paper, would you be so kind as to forward me a copy?

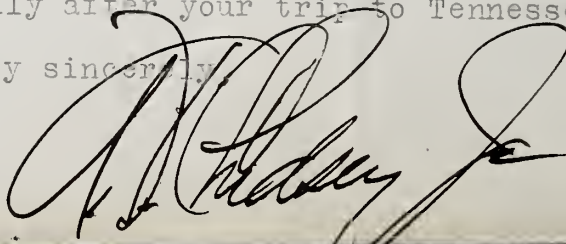
I have found that Peter Hanks married in 1704 Mary Beez, and that they had four children, namely, Lydia, William, Elziner and Peter. From Peter the Elder's Will, we know that Elziner married Robert Nelson. From the deeds of William, we know that his wife's name was Ruth, last name unknown. From Peter the Elder's Will and from subsequent deeds, we learn that Peter Junior died soon after his father, and that he was unmarried. About Lydia nothing was known until recently. I discovered that in the Inventory of Peter Hanks, John Martin and Robert Nelson were mentioned as relatives. Robert Nelson we know was the son-in-law of Peter Hanks, having married his daughter Elziner. When I found the Inventory of the Estate of Peter Hanks, I immediately arrived at the conclusion that John Martin must have been the husband of Lydia Hanks. I therefore made some search and found a deed from John Martin to Thomas Worthington dated October 2, 1729, in which John Martin's wife is mentioned, and her name is given as Lydia. I believe that this is strong evidence, if not absolute proof, that John Martin was the husband of Lydia Hanks, the daughter of Peter Hanks, and that her death likely occurred sometime after 1729, possibly between this date and the date of Peter Hanks' Will (1733), inasmuch as she is not mentioned. Of course I appreciate that there is the possibility that Lydia might still have been living, and that she may not have been mentioned in her father's Will for other reasons. I might also mention that John Martin sold to William Hanks "White Oak Orchard" on March 12, 1738, and from which deed I quote: "At the same time came the wife of John Martin." The wife's name is not mentioned, and she did not sign the deed. This may have been Lydia or John may have been married the second time.

In my search for Hanks data I have not come across the Shipley name in any way. I have made no attempt to search the Shipleys for Hanks records.

I would be very much interested to learn of any step in advance which you may have recently made, especially after your trip to Tennessee.

Very sincerely,

ADC/MB



564 Woodbine Ave., S.E.  
Warren, Ohio  
April 22, 1929

Dr. Louis A. Warren  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. Warren:-

I am returning herewith the installment of papers received on Friday last. I found this collection very interesting and also amusing after having studied fine old Dr. Lodge's letters just a short time before.

I do not think the Captain very reliable, although we have him to thank for having rescued John Hanks and Leah Fowler from oblivion. I believe this couple existed, but they were not the parents of William; rather, John and William were brothers. You will remember that William named a daughter Leah, and a Nicholas Fowler witnessed William's will in 1814.

I have found trace of a John Hanks born in "Soudan Co., Md." Nov. 29, 1767. Now, there is no Soudan County in Maryland - so I take it that this John was born in Maryland and moved to Soudan Co., Va., when very young, probably by 1770, at which date a John Hanks, probably the father of John (b. 1767), appeared on the tithe lists of Soudan Co., Va. This John was probably



the brother of William, the husband  
of Leah Hamler, the father of the  
John who was born Nov. 29, 1929, and  
he who went from Soudan County  
to Redstone, Pa., in 1774, and from  
there to Montgomery Co., Ky., in 1786.

Have you, in your research, run  
across any Hankses in Montgomery  
Co., Ky.? If so, will you allow me to  
see what you have? I feel that  
this is the family of Hethwood Hanks  
joined in Kentucky. Hethwood's brother  
John (third child of Wm and Sarah Hanks and  
he ~~was~~, tradition says, went to the James  
River section, remained in Soudan County,  
his wife was Abigail — who married  
Jacob Houser after John's death in 1802,  
and his children were Jeremiah, Stiles,  
Cephas, and Elizabeth. Cephas married  
Phoebe Mock in 1821 and had at least  
one child, William, by 1829, who is mentioned  
in the settlement of Jacob Houser's es-  
tate. Abigail Hanks married Jacob  
Houser before John Hanks' estate was  
settled, and in the settlement she is  
called Abigail Houser, the widow of John  
Hanks. T. R. Hanks' letter was very  
interesting, and you will remember  
R. R. Rodus said John m. Abigail —.

Sincerely yours,

Myra Hanks Rudolph



*Hanks Family*

April 29, 1935

Miss Jessica Ferguson  
State Library  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Ferguson:

We have recently been advised by Raymond M. Bell that you have some information relative to Hanks data in possession of a family in Everett, Pennsylvania.

We are very much interested in the Hanks background of the Lincoln family as it relates to Pennsylvania, and we would be pleased with any references that would allow us to acquire information about the family.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director  
Lincoln National Life Foundation



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
STATE LIBRARY  
HARRISBURG

May 1, 1935.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,  
Director,  
Lincoln National Life Foundation,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

Many years ago my father was pastor of the Methodist Church at Everett, Pa. Among his parishioners were Mr. and Miss Hanks, both unmarried, who lived on Spring Street. I recall that my father was very much interested in discussing with this family the Lincoln and Hanks ancestry and that they showed him some old papers. This was of little interest to me at the time as I was engaged in trying to sit on a haircloth sofa which was very slippery, and my father paid very long calls. In recent years I have wondered what has become of these papers and regret we do not have them in our manuscript division.

Miss Hanks had living with her a girl whom I believe was a distant relative and it is my understanding she inherited the property. She became the wife of either ex-Senator George Derrick, President of the First National Bank of Everett or else she married former representative Anson Wright of Bedford. Mr. Wright is dead, but Senator Derrick could be reached by addressing him at Everett.

I would be very glad to know if you could locate these papers.

Very sincerely yours,

*Jessica C. Ferguson*  
Jessica C. Ferguson,  
Genealogist.

JCF'C

John 9-12-1704 June 24 1704  
2-22-1704  
Could not be seen William son of Benjamin

Leach Holman (1702) Dec 27  
1704  
Holman

Fleetwood 1731 1732 London Co

John 1735 " "

William 4-27-1739 " "

Sarah 1742 " "

John Steadman died in infancy

Spencer Mass. 1744

Sarah Bell 1744-14 Emmelle Pa

Copied by J. Steadman

Says John left home to son William in Penn

to be son of Benjamin Steadman

John came from Mass. with brother William - son left in Philadelphia

Children all born in Steadman family near where Leach is

John 6-24-1712<sup>27</sup>

4-7-1730 Nancy Beale

William

John

Joseph

Sarah

Nancy

Hesterwood

Ephraim

and have been full of many children

and much more

and in all of the world

and to be sure John



Luke Hanks, first known Hanks in America, settled in Maine (no date). Members of his family moved to New Jersey and later some of these settled in Berks Co., Pa.

Peter Hanks was born at White Marsh, Berks Co., Pa. in 1683. He was married to Mary Bees, Aug. 20, 1704 in St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, Md. There were four children:

- Lydia born Sept 25, 1705
- (1) William " July 25, 1707
- Elinor " July 10, 1709
- Peter " Sept 20, 1713

These were all baptised in St. Anne's Church Sept 20, 1713, - which seems hardly possible although the register of that date so states. A Thomas Hanks who is believed to have been a younger son was married in St. George's and St. John's Parrish, to Sarah Hewett May 9, 1748.

(1) William Hanks was admitted to the West River (Quaker) Meeting in 1756. Whom he married and when, not stated but at least three children were born on the Patapsco in Anne Arundel Co., Md. These were:

- (1) John (likely born 1735)
- Joseph " " 1737
- (2) William, born April 27, 1739

*was born a Quaker 1742*  
This William Hanks family settled in Loudon Co. Va., near or where Leesburg now stands. His wife was Sarah Ralph, born in 1734. Died in May 25, 1804. William Hanks died July 24, 1814. They had nine children, all born in Virginia. Three sons: (2) John, Fleetwood and Benjamin.

Six daughters: Rachel, Leah, (Nancy and Rosanna, } Mary, Sarah:  
(twins, born Oct. 4, 1770)

Nancy (died 1835) (cousin to Nancy Hanks, Lincoln's mother,) married Nicholas Schooley. (2 children born, Isaac and Sarah, twins).

Rosanna, her twin sister, married Jacob Lodge

Benjamin, born June 14, 1779, died Oct. 12, 1822, with his father, sisters and their families, one and all moved to Brush Creek Valley, Bedford Co. (now Fulton Co.) Pa., about the year 1795, where they purchased lands and where their descendants still reside.

- (2) John with his family moved from Loudon Co. Va. to the James River section in Virginia.

Fleetwood emigrated with his family to Kentucky to join his uncle (either John (1) or Joseph) who with the Sparrows and Lincolns had preceded

him some years previous and where in 1806 his cousin, Nancy Hanks, married Thomas Lincoln and subsequently become the mother of the illustrious Abraham.

In 1793 the three brothers - (1) John, Joseph and (2) William Hanks, who at that time were living in Loudon Co. Va., purchased the Brush Creek Valley property in Bedford Co., (now Fulton Co), Pa. William subsequently bought out the others and then moved as before stated with his children and their families to Brush Creek.

The two brothers, John and Joseph, it appears either remained for the time being in Virginia or at that time emigrated with their families to Kentucky, as they never settled in the Valley of Brush Creek. These are the uncles that Fleetwood Hanks joined in Kentucky, as before stated.

(2) William Hanks (born 1739) who raised the large family in Loudon Co. Va., and later moved to Brush Creek, Pa., was a man of quiet habits, pure life and strong convictions. He was raised a Quaker and he and his entire family with their families worshipped with the Friends until they moved to Brush Creek Valley, Pa., where they joined the Methodist Society as it was then called in that section, and he became their first class leader.



## NEW ENGLAND HANKS

Benjamin Hanks of Pembroke, Plymouth County, Mass. b. about 1665, and wife Abigail had eleven children of whom:

Benjamin b. July 16, 1702, d. 1755, m. Mary White, they had:

Isaac b. 1725  
 Abigail b. 1726  
 William b. 1728  
 John b. 1730  
 Richard b. 1734  
 Uriah b. 1736  
 Benjamin b. 1738  
 Mary b. 1741  
 Silas b. 1744  
 Rachel b. 1756

*I bore Bedford Co. Pa.  
 Rachel - born 1762.*

*G.D.Cy.*

Can--William b. 1728--and Benjamin b. 1738 and Rachel b. 1756 be the Bedford County, Pa., Hanks of the same names?

## PENNSYLVANIA HANKS

John Hanks of Whitemarsh (near Philadelphia) d. 1730, m. Sarah Evans of Gwynedd, Pa., Dec. 11, 1711---they had:

John b. 1712 (possibly the great-grandfather of A. Lincoln)  
 Jane b. 1714  
 Elizabeth b. 1716  
 William b. 1719 d. infant  
 William b. 1720  
 Samuel b. 1723  
 Joseph b. 1725 (possibly the Grandfather of A. Lincoln)  
 Sarah

Is---William b. 1720--the Bedford County, Pa. William, and if so is Rachel his daughter?

*from a D. Chubbey Jr.*

A. D. Chidsey, Jr.  
Registered Architect  
Easton, Pa.



a Peter (1733) Beez, Martin 1704

a Pyden 1704

b William 1707

c Eleanor 1709

d Peter 1711

e James

f 1711

Nelson, Robert

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William 1733 - 1704

Sarah 1742

William 1732

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aba a. Joseph ?

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